GREEK INSCRIPTION NORTH OF DAMASCUS GATE

In the Jerusalem volume of "Memoirs" will be found a collection of numerous Greek texts of the same character as that published in the last Quarterly Statement. They come from the Wady Rabâbeh cemetery and from other parts of the town. In the Muristan I found such a Greek text, which cannot well be older than 900 A.D. Θηκα διαφημουσα Μηνα υπερ Δηρου (Jerusalem vol., p. 426). At the church by Jeremiah's Grotto, Lieut. Mantell and I copied another text of the same character. It was originally written across two slabs, and we only obtained the right hand halves of the lines (Jerusalem vol., p. 392). This was also a deacon's tombstone.

The text from Boeckh given by Mr. A. S. Murray is only a bad copy of the inscription on the tomb of Thecla Augusta (9th century), fully described in the Jerusalem volume of the "Memoirs" (page 418). This is one of texts in the cemetery of St. Sion, in Wady Rabâbeh.

The Christians were still powerful in Palestine under the Arab Khalifs, and the tombstones are written with the same contractions and general style, and seem not earlier than about 8th to 9th centuries, A.D.

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